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In re Application of: MacCalman *et al*

Application No.: 09/830,811

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action , mailed July 30, 2003, restricting the claims of the application.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on pending claims 1-21 which were divided into Groups I-IV: Group I: claims 1-6, 13-14, drawn to modulating differentiation or neoplastic transformation of cells using a hormone; Group II: claims 1-5, 7-8, 13, 15-16 drawn to modulating differentiation or neoplastic transformation of cells using an antibody; Group III: claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17-19 drawn to modulating differentiation or neoplastic transformation of cells using an antisense oligonucleotide; and Group IV: Claims 20-21 drawn to methods of assessing the metastatic potential of carcinoma cells.

In response to the restriction, Applicants elect Group III (claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17-19) with traverse.